

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the current application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 14 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for his valuable time in conducting an interview with Applicants' Representatives (hereinafter Applicants) on October 23, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants discussed features of example embodiments including the rule set discussed on pages 8 and 9 of the Specification. The Examiner and Applicants also discussed proposed amendments to independent claim 1 to more clearly recite features of the present invention. An agreement was reached that the proposed amendments to claim 1 appeared to distinguish over the cited art reference (e.g., Chheda et al.). However, further consideration would be required by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claims 6, 8, and 10 because of informalities. The Examiner asserts that the limitation "signal strength of a base station" should be rewritten as "signal strength of any base station" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully disagree. The limitation "signal strength of a base station" is both clear and concise, and lacks any issues with antecedent bases. Therefore, no correction is required. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objects to claim 14 because of informalities. The Examiner asserts that "a signal strength having a threshold great than a signal strength" should be corrected. Applicants

submit that claim 14 has been amended taking into account the Examiner's comments. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7, and 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Chheda et al (US 6,038,448, hereinafter Chheda). Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

Claim 1 is amended as agreed upon during the interview. Further, as discussed during the interview, Chheda fails to disclose or fairly suggest all of the features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is not anticipated or rendered obvious to one skilled in the art by Chheda. Claims 2-13 are likewise allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency upon independent claim 1. Withdrawal of the art grounds of rejection with regard to Chheda et al. is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 6 and 8-11 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 14 has been allowed.

CONCLUSION

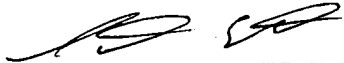
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1 and 3-14 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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